

Title (en)

Female electrical terminal with improved contact force.

Title (de)

Elektrische Kontaktbüchse mit verbesserter Kontaktkraft.

Title (fr)

Borne électrique femelle avec force de contact améliorée.

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Abstract (en)

A female electrical terminal (14) is disclosed for mating with a male electrical terminal (16). The female terminal includes a forward mating end (80,82) for receiving the male terminal along a front-to-rear axis (90) and a rear terminating end (60) for connection to another electrical element. The forward mating end includes two pair of spring contact arms (80,82) each having a dimple (88,92) projecting transversely of the axis for engaging the male terminal. The dimple (88) on one pair of spring contact arms (80) is offset axially of the dimple (92) on the other pair of spring contact arms (82) to reduce the insertion force on the male terminal. Reinforcing ribs (100,102) extend axially on the spring contact arms. The distances between the reinforcing ribs and the dimples on the respective spring contact arms are substantially equal whereby the normal force on the male terminal by each dimple is substantially equal. <IMAGE>

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